

YFC member is promoted to a Monitor and Stimulates Activities in His Community

A success story from the community of Muiravale in Monapo district, Nampula.

When he was 16, Amade Selemane joined the Muiravale Youth Farmer's Club (YFC), a SCIP-supported club in the Itoculo administrative post of Monapo district. Amade finished primary school in 2012, yet was unable to continue with his studies due to the distance (35km) between his community and Itoculo. Amade had neither the means to travel nor a place to stay in Itoculo.

As he explains, "At 5 years old, I lost my father and lived with my mother and 7 siblings. Family life was very difficult and although I was younger, I was very worried about my mother. The situation became worse the following year when I lost 3 siblings, two of my sisters and one brother. At this time, my mother was still single and working alone to sustain the family."

Amade became a member of the YFC at the invitation of his friend who was the club president. After sitting in on a few discussions on conservation agriculture, he felt the club was a good place for him to learn. Amade felt the techniques would strengthen the productive capacity and sustainability of his family over the long term.

Amade was an active member of the Muiravale YFC, even motivating other youth to join. After a year and a half, the president moved to Nampula City. Amade was elected President as club members and the CLC recognized his commitment and leadership capacity.



Amade working with the Muiravale YFC.

With the increasing numbers of clubs starting in the community, a monitor was needed that would be able to assist their community activities. Amade was elected Monitor by the Sanhote and Muiravale CLCs and by club members themselves.

Amade contributed to creating two more YFCs (Jardim and Mantanha), became a member of his CLC and continued to help his family practice and share information on Conservation Agriculture, Hygiene and Sanitation, Nutrition and Safe Use of Food/Safe Food Preparation.



Amade showing how mulch the field of an OVC family.

When Amade reflects on his experience, he remarks that “Many things have changed in my life. I really appreciate SCIP’s activities in my community. The Club not only taught me good ways to live (conservation agriculture, nutrition, hygiene), but also was a place where I could smile and find happiness in the cultural activities that they were doing.

Today, I feel like a man ready to take on the challenges of life. Already, I have managed to: convince an uncle to stop drinking (it diminished the credibility of the family in the community, he was violent with the children in the family), chair the meetings in 4 YFCs; participate in CLC meetings, and get to know other

districts and monitors who do work similar to mine in their communities.

I was very happy to help distribute seeds for vegetable gardens for other OVC families. I feel that I am contributing to the development of my community and families even though my family did not have this privilege. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to monitor the YFCs of my community”, says Amade Selemane.